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MR. THE PRESIDENT,

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
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Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the many courtesies which, through your kind recommandation, have been extended to the Students of our School and to myself when we visited the University of Toronto last week.

Our visit through the laboratories, the amphitheatre and the scientific collections of the University has been most interesting and also very instructive.

I am informed that lectures are frequently given at the University and I beg to say that should you find it convenient, I would be pleased to give a lecture which could be entitled "What the Germans have destroyed in Belgium". I have in my possession a most complete collection of lantern slides and this lecture could be rendered more interesting by showing pictures of the principal historical and artistic monuments of Belgium.

You are aware of the dreadful condition in which my poor country stands presently, and what the people of Belgium have to suffer from being deprived of all what is most necessary for their living.



I would suggest that a fee should be charged for admission to this conference, which, I believe, would be more convenient, or that a collection be made amongst the assistance, to the benefit of the Belgium Fund, of which I am on the Executive committee.

As you know the Belgium Fund is under the auspices of His Royal Highness, the Governor General and under the presidency of the General Consul of Belgium. I have no doubt that such a lecture organized by the University of Toronto would obtain a great success and I would thank you if you would kindly let me know what you think of my suggestion.

With my best regards, believe me Mr. the President,

Yours very truly,

The Director,

A. J. de Brey

October 26th, 1914

Dr. A. J. DeBray,

Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales,

Montreal.

My dear Dr. Bray:

I am very glad that your students enjoyed the visit to the city, and I only regret that I myself had not the pleasure of meeting you when you were here. Professor Mavor and the Registrar both spoke to me afterwards about the visit.

With regard to your offer to deliver a lecture on "What the Germans have destroyed in Belgium" I am afraid that I must say that the present time would not be opportune for it. Already we have a lecture every week on "The Causes of the War" and a course, which, if not every week, is delivered at very frequent intervals. Madame Vandervelde was here not long ago and secured subscriptions from a great many people for the Belgian Fund. I think therefore that it would be extremely difficult to insert another lecture on "Belgium" at present with any hope of having success. The constituency from which you would be expected to draw are already contributing I think to the Belgian Fund, a country for which I am sure we all have the profoundest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

President.